## **Treatment Protocol: GI / GU EMERGENCIES**

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- 1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- 2. Administer **Oxygen** prn (MCG 1302)
- 3. Initiate cardiac monitoring prn (MCG 1308)
  Perform 12-lead ECG if cardiac ischemia suspected 

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- 4. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 5. For poor perfusion:

## Normal Saline 1L IV rapid infusion

Reassess after each 250mL increment for evidence of volume overload (pulmonary edema); stop infusion if pulmonary edema develops

For persistent poor perfusion, treat in conjunction with TP 1207, Shock/Hypotension

6. Assess and document pain (MCG 1345)

If abdominal or pelvic pain during pregnancy, or vaginal bleeding with known or suspected pregnancy treat per *TP 1217, Pregnancy Complications* 

Consider the following Provider Impressions:

If abdominal or pelvic pain - document Abdominal Pain/Problems

If pain in penis, scrotum or testes in a male or complaints of vaginal symptoms in a female, or if for sexual assault – document *Genitourinary Disorder* 

7. For pain management: (MCG 1345)

## Fentanyl 50mcg (1mL) slow IV push or IM/IN

Repeat every 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 150mcg

#### Morphine 4mg (1mL) slow IV push or IM

Repeat every 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 12mg

**CONTACT BASE** for additional pain management after maximum dose administered: May repeat as above up to maximum total dose Fentanyl 250mcg or Morphine 20mg

8. For nausea or vomiting:

Ondansetron 4mg ODT/IV/IM, may repeat x1 in 15 min prn

9. Consider the following Provider Impressions:

If nausea or vomiting present in the absence of abdominal pain or diarrhea – document *Nausea / Vomiting* 

If vomiting blood or coffee ground material, and/or tarry/black stools – document *Upper GI Bleeding* ②

If vaginal bleeding without known pregnancy - document Vaginal Bleeding

If complaint of diarrhea without hypotension – document *Diarrhea* 

If bleeding per rectum – document Lower GI Bleeding 2

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## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- When evaluating a patient with abdominal pain, note that abdominal pain may be a sign of cardiac disease. If age ≥ 35 years, previous history of cardiac disease or MI, or risk factors are present (hypertension, diabetes mellitus), consider obtaining a 12-lead ECG to evaluate for ischemia or STEMI.
- 2 For both upper and lower GI bleeding, if abdominal pain is also present, document GI bleeding as primary provider impression and abdominal pain as secondary provider impression.

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